

REMARKS

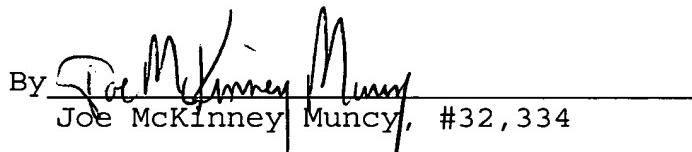
Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application. Claim 8 has been amended to be dependent upon Claim 7.

Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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